

The earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan on Friday, March 11 is a tragedy that has affected the lives of countless numbers of Japanese citizens. Many constituents are concerned about the disaster and may have questions or want to help.

If you are looking for ways to help tsunami victims, find information about U.S. citizens in Japan, or would like to see White House updates on the tragedy, the White House's page on the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami is updated frequently:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/foreign-policy/japan-earthquake-tsunami> .

In addition, due to the earthquake and aftermath in Japan, the Department of State has a Task force operating 24/7 in Washington, DC. Constituents in need of assistance with locating a U.S. citizen in Japan may call or send their emails to:

Calls from within the US 1-888-407-4747

Outside the US 1-202-501-4444

JapanEmergencyUSC@state.gov

The following is a link to the Department of State's website:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_5378.html

Congressman Blumenauer is also concerned about how this tragedy might affect the lives of Oregonians. In a [letter](#) [PDF] sent today to the Administrator of the EPA Lisa Jackson, as well

as the Chairman of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Gregory Jaczko, Blumenauer inquired into how the government plans to measure and deal with possible radiation risks in the Pacific as a result of damage to the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear facility.

Updated radiation levels will be posted daily on the Public Health website:

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/CurrentHazards/Pages/DailyAirMonitoring.aspx> .

People with questions about radiation resulting from the Japan disaster to visit the Public Health preparedness website at <http://public.health.oregon.gov/preparedness/currenthazards/pages/index.aspx> or call the Radiation Information Hotline at 1-877-290-6767 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.